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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (currently amended): A lateral force-measuring device for a wheel, comprising:

a rotator axially installed with universal function for moving in frictional contact with the wheel, said rotator being operable to move in an axial direction and is when dependently rotated by a rotation of a pressed the wheel, and

a load-measuring device attached to a dog, the load-measuring device being operable to measure measuring a moving load for in an axial direction of said rotator when said rotator is rotated by the rotation of said pressed the wheel, wherein the moving load can be either of both a tensile load and a compression load.

- 2. (currently amended): The lateral force-measuring device for wheel, as claimed in claim 1, wherein said rotator axially installed with universal function for moving in an axial direction is dependently rotated by a rotation of one of a pair of axially connected pressed wheels.
- 3. (currently amended): A lateral force-measuring device for wheel as set forth in claim 1, which further comprises;
 - a dog relatively attached to said rotator with universal function for rotation, and



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a load sensor measuring wherein said rotator is attached to the dog and said loadmeasuring device is operable to measure a moving load of the dog.

Claim 4 (canceled).

5. (currently amended): A lateral force-measuring device for wheel as set forth in claim 1, further comprising: comprises;

a wheel-driving device <u>operable</u> to rotate said wheel, <u>wherein the wheel driving device</u> <u>comprises a throb motor operable to stably control the rotation of said wheel and prevent</u> excessive force from being exerted on the wheel.

6. (currently amended): The lateral force-measuring device for wheel as set forth in claim 2, further comprising: comprises;

a wheel-driving device <u>operable</u> to rotate said wheel, <u>wherein the wheel driving device</u> <u>comprises a throb motor operable to stably control the rotation of said wheel and prevent excessive force from being exerted on the wheel</u>.

- 7. (currently amended): The lateral force-measuring device for wheel as set forth in claim 3, further comprising: comprises;
- a wheel-driving device <u>operable</u> to rotate said wheel, <u>wherein the wheel driving device</u> <u>comprises a throb motor operable to stably control the rotation of said wheel and prevent</u> excessive force from being exerted on the wheel.

Claim 8 (canceled).

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9. (currently amended): A vehicle inspecting system incorporating a lateral force-measuring device for wheel therein as set forth in any one of claims 1 to 8 1 to 3 and 5 to 7.

10. (currently amended): A lateral force-measuring method for a wheel comprises a wheel that is pressed to a rotator axially installed with universal function for moving in an axial direction, and said rotator is dependently rotated by a rotation of the wheel to measure a moving load for an axial direction of said rotator comprising:

pressing a wheel surface to a rotator;

connecting a wheel driving device to the wheel;

stably rotating the wheel by controllably rotating the wheel driving device, and;

measuring a lateral force exerted by the rotating wheel on the rotator by determining an amount of compression or tension exerted on a dog connected to the rotator.

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11. (currently amended): The lateral force-measuring method for wheel as set forth in claim 10, wherein one of a pair of wheels is independently pressed to a rotator axially installed with universal function for moving in an axial direction as set forth in claim 10, wherein the wheel surface pressed to the rotator is the surface of one of a pair of wheels axially connected together.

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- 12. (new): The lateral force-measuring device as set forth in claim 1, wherein the rotator includes an angular shaft portion disposed inside of a roller, and bearing rollers anchored to the inside of the roller, said bearing rollers contacting the angular shaft portion to facilitate axial movement of the roller along a longitudinal axis of the angular shaft portion, so that said rotator is capable of moving in the axial direction.
- 13. (new): The lateral force-measuring method as set forth in claim 10, wherein the
 - rotator includes an angular shaft portion disposed inside of a roller, and bearing rollers anchored to the inside of the roller, said bearing rollers contacting the angular shaft portion to facilitate axial movement of the roller along a longitudinal axis of the angular shaft portion, so that said rotator is capable of moving in the axial direction.
 - 14. (new): A lateral force-measuring method comprising: pressing a wheel surface of both of two axially connected wheels to a single rotator; connecting a wheel driving device to at least one of the wheels; stably rotating the wheels by controllably rotating the wheel driving device, and; measuring a lateral force exerted by the rotating wheels on the rotator by determining an amount of compression or tension exerted on a dog connected to the rotator.